

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A holding device for holding an item (3) in connection with hardening of the item under elevated pressure in a pressure tank, comprising:

~~wherein the holding device includes one or more~~ at least one support elements element ~~that entirely or partly each of which at least partially surround~~ surrounds the lateral surfaces of the item and are arranged to support the item (3) during hardening, ~~characterized in that~~

at least one of the support elements (4a) is being arranged in relation to the item in such a way that the support element (4a) presses, in a first region along its length, against the item with a pressure that is elevated relative to the pressure-tank pressure and, in a second region along its length, presses against the item with a pressure that is lower relative to the pressure-tank pressure.

2. (currently amended) A holding device according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the support element (4a) in the second region lies in abutment with the item essentially without exerting any pressure on the item.

3. (currently amended) A holding device according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the support element (4a) is fixedly arranged in the holding device at a pivot point (9).

4. (currently amended) A holding device according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the support element (4a) that is arranged along its length to exert different levels of pressure against the item is arranged in abutment with at least one of the comers of the item.

5. (currently amended) A holding device according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein it is arranged to hold an item (3) containing a core (5) and a beam frame (7) surrounding a core and including at least two beams (8) for gluing the core (5) to the beam frame (7) and

gluing the beams to one another, whereupon the support elements are arranged to press the beams toward one another and lie in abutment with the item essentially without exerting any pressure against the item where the core is to be glued to the beam frame.

6. (currently amended) A holding device according to Claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the pivot point (9) is chosen so that the pressure in the first region is roughly 2 - 4 times higher than the pressure in the pressure tank.

7. (currently amended) A method for hardening together an item (3) containing at least a core (5) and a beam frame (7) surrounding a core and including at least two beams (8) ~~whereby~~ comprising:

gluing the core (5) ~~is glued~~ to the beam frame (7) and gluing the beams (8) of the beam frame (7) ~~are glued~~ to one another, ~~characterized in that~~

arranging the unhardened item (3) ~~is arranged~~ on an underlayer (2),

applying that support elements (4; 4a, 4b), ~~are applied~~ around the item to hold it together,

~~causing that~~ the support elements ~~are caused~~ to exert a differentiated pressure on the item,

and

introducing ~~that~~ the unhardened item is, on its underlayer (2) and with the supporting elements (4; 4a, 4b), introduced into a pressure tank for hardening.

8. (currently amended) A method according to Claim 7, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the support elements (4; 4a, 4b) are caused to exert a pressure that is elevated relative to the pressure-tank pressure on the surfaces that are pressing the beams toward one another and lie in abutment with the item essentially without pressure on surfaces where the beams are glued to the core.